

## HR 4497

Wildlife and Zoological Veterinary Medicine Enhancement Act of 2010

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Animals

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### Sponsor

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**Party:** Democratic • **State:** FL • **Chamber:** House

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Rep. Grijalva, Raúl M. [D-AZ-7]	D · AZ		Jan 21, 2010
Rep. Herseth Sandlin, Stephanie [D-SD-At Large]	D · SD		Mar 2, 2010
Rep. Kildee, Dale E. [D-MI-5]	D · MI		Mar 2, 2010
Rep. Kissell, Larry [D-NC-8]	D · NC		Mar 2, 2010
Rep. Sestak, Joe [D-PA-7]	D · PA		Mar 16, 2010
Rep. Putnam, Adam H. [R-FL-12]	R · FL		Aug 10, 2010

### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Agriculture Committee	House	Referred to	Jun 30, 2010
Natural Resources Committee	House	Referred to	Jan 25, 2010
Ways and Means Committee	House	Referred To	Jan 21, 2010

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Animals

### Related Bills

*No related bills are listed.*

Wildlife and Zoological Veterinary Medicine Enhancement Act of 2010 - Authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award grants to wildlife or veterinary institutions to create additional clinical and research positions for wildlife and zoological veterinarians, with preference to institutions that will create positions in areas of need, including wildlife disease research and training, disease surveillance, ecology and wildlife population management, and conservation and management of the health of endangered, threatened, and sensitive species.

Directs the Secretary to establish: (1) the Wildlife and Zoological Veterinary Workforce Loan Repayment Program to repay educational loans of applicants who have received, in the previous ten years, a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine or a graduate degree in veterinary medicine after receiving such doctoral degree, or who are enrolled in an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine program that leads to such a degree, and who agree to serve for at least four consecutive years at a wildlife or veterinary institution as a wildlife or zoological veterinarian; and (2) the Wildlife and Zoological Veterinary Workforce Scholarship Program to award students enrolled in an accredited school or college of veterinary medicine scholarships for up to four years in exchange for entering a contract to serve for at least four consecutive years as wildlife or zoological veterinarians at wildlife or veterinary institutions beginning no later than four years after graduation.

Requires the Secretary to: (1) establish a pilot program to award competitive grants to accredited schools and colleges of veterinary medicine to develop and provide new or existing curricula that specialize in wildlife or zoological veterinary medicine; and (2) award competitive grants to eligible wildlife or veterinary institutions to establish or expand training programs (i.e., externship, internship, fellowship, or residency programs) in veterinary medicine for wildlife or zoological populations, under which financial assistance will be provided to traineeship candidates (i.e., individuals who hold, or who are enrolled in a program leading to, a doctoral degree in veterinary medicine).

### **Actions Timeline**

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- **Jun 30, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry.
- **Jan 25, 2010:** Referred to the Subcommittee on Insular Affairs, Oceans and Wildlife.
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Introduced in House
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Sponsor introductory remarks on measure. (CR E73)
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to House Agriculture
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to House Natural Resources
- **Jan 21, 2010:** Referred to House Ways and Means